ST. PIERRE FIRES OUT.

2.000 Bodies Have Been Found, 592 Buried.

DIGGING IN THE RUINS POSSIBLE.

Resident of Morne Rouge Describes the Convulsion.

Pirst Came a Great Puff of Gas, Then the Fire-Great Suction Carrying Everything Toward Petre-A Hall of Rocks and Then Ten Minutes of Utter Darkness-Old Man Found Dead by His Team-Houses That Were Uninjured Held Inmates Who Are Dead-Streets Distinguishable in Places.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

THE SUN Correspondent at Port de France FORT DE FRANCE, May 15 .- The approach to St Pierre is easier The fires in the wrocked buildings of the city are extinguished and representatives of the commercial houses from Fort de France are digging in the débris of houses and stores warch of documents and valuables.

The town is a mass of indescribable runs which bear a striking recembiance to those of Pompeii. In the lower part of the town, called the Most liage, the outnes of the streets can be made out and n places here and there are stretches walls of houses several yards long which | houses in the village. are still erect, but battered and crushed in at the top.

The number of the victims is so great in places that in the great beaps of commingled dead identification of individuals · very difficult

The odor of the putrifying bodies makes the work of handling them not only horribly offensive, but dangerous to the searchers as well. Thus far, 2,000 bodies have been found and disentangled from he ruins. Of these 592 have been buried.

horties

On the ground floor room of the hospital here is a mass of twisted iron beds to be een, but no trace of fire.

FIRST. A PUFF OF GAS, THEN FIRE

It is supposed that an enormous puff

The formation of sulphuretted hydrogen, gas doubtless caused thousands to die of sheer sufficiation before the fire itself reached them. This would explain the with superficial swellings and superficial orns raused by the great cloud of fire which followed the first gust of gas from

traice stone. Certain bodies have the

this he dead are covered by a layer of

TERRIBLE SUCTION OF AIR.

to inhabitant of Morne Rouge, a town on inhabitants, seven kilometres from St Pierre, who was watching the volcano at the mement of the catastrophe, says

He says that all about him when the splosion came there was a terrible sucm arresistibly toward the mountain in then emitted a sheet of flame which swept down toward St. Pierre. There was no starp, distinct roar of explosion as when a great cannon . fired, but only wful jarring runn'dings.

thinks that the cutire outburst that at all the work of bevordid not last more an thirty seconds

then there was complete darkness for d sulphurous smoke and clouds of dust end shattered rocks. The entire country all about St. Pierre

The entire country all about St. Pierre was turned into a chaotic waste. All the trees are either torn up by the roots on the island of St. Vincent.

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HOUSES INTACT, INMATES DEAD.

few buildings are untouched. dead. They had been suffocated, but were not disfigured and the identity of each one

of them was easily made out. The body of an old man was found lying by a carriage, to which a pair of dead horses folding the reins in his hands as though about to get in the carriage when stricken down. A boy lay dend by his side. The eatures of both were calm. Inside the ouse and behind a parior door was the body of a young girl. Her hair was down and terror was stamped upon her features.

in the streets of St. Pierre heaps of nelted copper and of silver have been found. a the neighborhood of the telegraph office the instruments were found, but some of hem had been hurled to a distance of

The metal of the instruments was melted but the instruments themselves could be During the greater part of the day on

Burnett's Vanilla Extract

The grocers know it. Insist on having

May 10 Mont Pelée was for some time free from smoke. Not a trace apparently was left on the slope of the mountain toward St. Pierre of the avalanche of fire that had

On the other hand, on the slope toward Basse Point, the aspect was terrifying and threatening. A great mass of smoke hung over the mountain for several days. RESCUE WORK OF THE SUCRET.

From Friday till Sunday the French cruiser Suchet, under the command of Capt. Le Bris, and the cable ship Pouyer Quertier, Captain Thirion brought from the neighborhood of Precheur and Anse Ceron 4.000 persons. Some were in a dying condition, although very few showed wounds upon their persons. The courageous conduct of the captain and crew of the cruiser have been much praised. The Danish cruiser Valkyrie took an active part in saving the people of Precheur and did very effective work.

DISTRIBUTING THE SAVED.

The people who have been saved have been distributed among the towns in the southern part of the island. The necessary provisions are being sent to them. The injured and the sick are in the hospital at Fort de France. Their sufferings are TWELVE SAILORS SAVED THEMSELVES.

Among the ships in the harbor of St. Pierre were the Reraima, the Grappler, the Italian sailing vessels North America, Teresa Louise and Sacré Cour. Twelve sailors from these ships succeeded in saving themselves.

Eighty-nine persons who were badly burned owe their lives to the fact that they were able to dive and remain under water for a long time. They were picked up three miles out to sea

LANDSLIDE IN PRECEPUR.

To-day there was a landslide in the village of Precheur, caused by the overflowing of the river, which undermined the ground and carried away a number of the

CEREMONIES IN FORT DE PRANCE.

To-day there was great solemnity in Fort de France, where there were imposing funeral ceremonies and prayers for the repose of the souls of the victims of the calamity. All the Government authorities the island were present, as well as the officers of the French warship Suchet, the Danish warship Valkyrie and the German warship Falke, and the United States tug Potomac. The grief manifested by all

Numerous public meetings are being held for the purpose of reorganizing the financial A noticeable thing is that petroleum does | service of the bank of which St. Pierre was not catch fire when it is thrown on the the centre. Many of the large stores are closed entirely on account of the desippearance of the city, which was the chief

source of supply. A professor of natural sciences who is a member of the Commission of Public Instruction declared some time before the eruption that he feared everything from the volcano. He had made an analysis of gas produced a great atmospheric pres- the matter thrown out of the mountain and said that he was astonished to find that silica and iron were mingled in the matter ejected from the volcano, which caused him to fear that there would be a releasing of mephatic gases

Many merchants and other business men here in Fort de France, as well as and started up the river. heads of the civil Government, went to at. Pierre out of curiosity the night be-

PILLAGING GOING ON Pillagers are very active in and around St. Pierre in spite of the vigilant watch that the authorities are endeavoring to e scene of disaster for the purpose of helping to establish the identity of the dead booles that have been found, say that many of the victims have undoubtedly

been burned to ashine This will explain the small number of bodies that thus far have been found, not-withstanding the fact that the rules have been explored quite extensively.

SMALL ISLANDS DISAPPEAR Great changes in submarine depths around Martinique have occurred. A number of little islands have entirely disap-

A depth of 2.600 metres is now found where formerly there was only 60. A number of big spirals of smoke are constantly streaming up from Mont Peles, accompanied by continuous subterranean

NEW CRATER APPEARS. In Volcane on the Island of St. Vincent Starvation Impending.

From THE San Correspondent at St. Thomas. St. THOMAS, D. W. I., May 15.-Advices from St. Vince t show that it is impossible to get nearer than eight miles to the new

been blown away in the shape of steam

The fissures that have appeared on the sides of the volcano continue to throw out hot vapor. Subterranean noises are heard miles from the mountain, and the trembling of the earth indicates the possibility of further discharges.

On Monday afternoon great volumes of steam and sinoke were thrown out. The whole island is covered with a peculiar mist, and the atmosphere is charged with nexious vapors, which have the effect of increasing the sickness among the people. An ambulance and medical assistance have arrived from Barbadoes. The poorer classes from the afflicted district are now classes from the afflicted district are new threatened with starvation, though the Government is feeding 3,000 of them and giving them shelter Among the many victims of the disaster are almost all of the Carib celony, who lived in the devasted part of the island.

Many of the island.

Many of the bodies of those who lost their lives have now remained unhuried so long that decomposition has set in, and the edor is so everpowering that many of the searching parties have been compelled to

abandon their work.

In other cases those engaged in burying the dead refuse to handle the bodies. Consequently, ropes are tied to them and they are either dragged to trenches and there interred or are placed on impromptu funeral pyres and burned as speedily as possible.

The Legislative Council of Jamaica has appropriated £1,000 for the benefit of the sufferers.

Despatches by mail from St. George.

Excellent Cuisine-Superior Service.

The dining cars of the Pennsylvania Railroad never deteriorate in point of service. Meaus are seasonable. Every attention given to details.

—Adv.

GOT GREENE, GAYNOR.

Montreal Officers Arrest Fugitives in Quebec.

HOT CHASE ON THE ST. LAWRENCE

Pursuit, Both by Train and Boat, Fails.

The Two Men Arrested at the Instance of U. S. District Attorney Marton Irwin. on His Own Responsibility. It Is Said -Quebec Officers Pursue by Train and Beat-At Three Rivers They Put Out in a Ferrybeat, but Were Unable to Stop the Fast Tug-State Department Not Interested in the Arrest, Warrants for Which Were Issued by a Judge in Montreal -Writ of Habeas Corpus Issued.

MONTBEAL, Quebec, May 15 -By a coup de force. Col. John F. Gaynor and Capt. B. D. Greene, whose presence is required at Savannah, Ga., to answer to charges of conspiracy to defraud the United States Government out of large sums of money, have been got out of the jurisdiction of the authorities of Quebec City, where they have been residing for some time and are now in the custody of the Montreal authorities. The arrest of the two men, which was effected by Montreal detectives at Quebec to-day, was made under somewhat

sensational circumstances. In March last, Marion Erwin, special assistant to the Attorney-General of the United States, came to Montreal and consulted MacMaster and Hickson, a Montreal legal firm, relative to the possible arrests of Gaynor and Greene, who were then residing in Quebec. Since then, Mr. Erwin, to whom was given special charge of the case by the United States authorities, has devoted a great deal of time in gathering the necessary evidence

Two weeks ago Mr. Erwin came back to Mentreal and the result of his visit was that information and complaint was made before Judge Lafontaine, Extradition Commissioner, and yesterday warrants were issued here in Mentreal for the men. Yesterday afternoon Chief Carpenter and Detective Sloan left for Quebec on the small steamer Spray, while Messrs. MacMaster, Erwin and Taylor, the latter a United States detective who has been working on the case on both sides of the line, left by train for

THE ARRESTS IN QUEBEC.

The arrests took place in Quebec to-day, and the three officers and their captives took the Cincennes McNaughton tug Spray Believing them kidnapped, a force of

The first capture effected was that of Capt. Greene. He was coming out of the all merning, stepped up and apprehended him. They showed him some papers and he entered the carriage which was waiting

without making any resistance. About the same time enother detective. who had been here for some time, took Col. Gaynor at the Chateau Frentense as he

proceeded down Mountain hill to the tug.

Mrs. Gayner, getting wind of the kidnapping, at once put the local police and detective force on the trail, with the result

The excitement in Quebec was caused by the supposition that the men had been kidnapped without a regular warrant. However, this was not the case. The in-However, this was not the case. The infermation and complaint is laid under the Extraction act at the office of Judge Lafentaine, Extractition Commissioner for the District of Montreal. Mr Marion Erwin of Macon, Ga., United States Attorney of the Southern district of the State, is the complainent. He set forth that in July, 1897, Oberlin M. Carter, then a Captain in a corps of engineers, was in charge of what is usually called the Savannah district for the improvement of fivers and harpors, and as provement of rivers and harbors, and as such it became his duly to bit contracts for

been blown away in the shape of steam and scalding water over the surrounding country.

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tion:

That the said Benjamin D. Greene and John F. Gaybor are under inflictments in the District Court of the United States for said Eastern Division of the Southern District of Georgia and are fugitives from the justice of the United States and are now suspected of being in the Dominion of Canada and Prevince of Ouebec. He produces for the Inspection of the Court certain evidency duly certified and proved, as required by law, to the end to show the suilt of the said accused. That he knows that warrants have been issued in the said Covernment of the Culted States and in the Southern District of Georgia for the arrest of the accused; and he is informed and believes that the said Covernment of the United States will demand the extradition of the said accused, Benjamin D. Greene and John F. Gaynor in due course, and that there are reasonable grounds for supposing the said accused fugitives may escape during the time necessary to present the diplomatic requisition for their surrender.

And deponent further, says that he is a

their extradition from Canada to the United States of America under the provisions of the Extradition act and the treaties in relation to extradition matters in force between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ire-land and the United States of America. This is signed by Marion Erwin before Ulric Lafontaine, Extradition Commissioner

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EXCITEMENT IN QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, May 15.—The arrest of Col
Gaynor and Capt. Greene caused great
excitement here, as it was not known that
any warrants had been issued. The men
were taken to the wharf adjoining the
litchelieu and Ontario Company's pier,
where the tug Spray was in readiness with
steam up, waiting to cast off her moorings.
When Col. Gaynor was arrested he asked
to be allowed to communicate with his
wife, then with his lawyers, and finally
asked leave to go or send to his room for
his overcoat. All his requests were refused.

Both men protested against going on
board, but no heed was paid to their remonstrances. Several epectators were
present, but no cry for assistance was
made by the prisoners.

As soon as they were aboard with the
officers the tug cast off moorings and
started up the river. Their friends were
meanwhile quickly apprised of the facts
of the case and a rush was made to the
police court, where it was stated that no

police court, where it was stated that no warrant had been issued there for their arrest and no foreign warrant had been presented for indorsement, as the authorities say should have been done if the

officers were armed with one.

The Minister of Justice, who was in town, was apprised of the fact that nothing had been authorized from the pelice offices, and en this information quickly wired all along the railway lines and other points to prevent the smuggling PURSUIT ON THE RIVER.

Meanwhile the local authorities engaged the rug Hackett to pureue the fugirives and aent a cerps of provincial officers, including detectives, to stop them and bring them

back.
The tug Spray was chartered from George Borland a day or two ago and has had steam up ever since. She was chartered by Donald MacMaster of Montreal. Denald MacMaster of Montreal.

Anxiety prevails here as to whether there will be a naval conflict on the river in case the Hackett comes up with the Spray, as all the officers are fully armed and have definite instructions.

STATE DEPARTMENT HAD NO PART IN IT. Washington, May 15.—The arrest in Quebec of Means, Gaynor and Greene was not made at the instance of the State

Department.

The first advices received here about the arrests were that Gavner and Greene had been virtually kidnapped and were being emuggled into the United States, and this information brought out the declaration from officials that if it proved true the United States Government would repudiate transaction and return the men the belief in Washington that United

States District Attorney Erwin of the Savannah district secured the arrest of Gayner and Greene on his own responsirequest for their arrest and extradi-

No request for their arrest and extradi-tion has been made by the State Depart-ment, which has been deterred from taking action by the fact that the two men were indicted in Savannah on the charge of re-ceiving stelen money, an offence not cov-ered by the extradition treaty governing the United States and Canada.

If District Attorney Irwin has succeeded embezzlement, which is specifically continued in the treaty as an extraditable General men, if surrendered to this Government must be tried on that charge. To try them in these circumstances on the charge of receiving stolen money would be a breach of good faith which the British Government would not tolerate.

NOT INDICTED FOR EMBERZLEMENT SAVANNAH. Ga. May 15 - Greene and Gay-

local detectives on Hackett's tug left a short | WHAT GEZENE'S AND GAYNOR'S COUNSELSAY. | cide upon headquarters for the strike.

Surely neither the United States nor the Guadian Governments will justify such an outrageous proceeding.

It was also unnecessary, because ultimately Col. Gavnor and Capt Greene would have appeared for trial. They have told the Government authorities that they would come back and be tried if they could have any other Judge but Judge Spear.

John F. Gavnor, his brothers. William T. and Edward H. Gayner, and Capt Benjamin D. Greene were ordered a year ago to appear in Savannah for trial on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the Government in connection with the harbor

rement in connection with the harbor improvement work done under the super-ision of former Captain Oberlin M. Carter. ow in the military prison at Leavenworth, he four men fought extradition, but were eaten at every point. On March 7 last ol. Gayper and Greene were declared fugit yes from justice, and their ball bonds of \$40,000 each were forfeited. They had

ESCAPE OF THE SPRAY. Ferryboat at Three Rivers Not Quick

Enough to Catch the Tugboat. THREE RIVERS. Quebec. May 15 -The tug Spray, with Chief Carpenter, his aides, and Col. Gayner and Capt. Greene in custody, passed Three Rivers at 715 o'clock this evening, under a full head of steam.

Two Quebec policemen and two detec-tives, who arrived here by special train at 3 o'clock this afternoon, went to the wharf

They held the ferrybeat Glacial in readiness to go out into the stream when the

and the ferryboat turned out into midstream, but the fleet little tug was ploughing through the waves at a rapid speed and before the ferrybeat reached the middle of the river the Spray was a hundred yards in the lead and gaining rapidly. The chase was kept up for two miles, but it was a hopeless race and the ferryboat and officers returned to the city.

At 8 o'clock the officers again boarded the ferryboat and started for Sorel, hoping to overtake the Spray at that point.

PASSED SOREL MONTREAL, Quebec, May 15.—A message ust received in Montreal announces that

Fremier Parent of Quebec and Mr. Can-non, jun ler counsel for the accused, in the absence from town of Mr. Taschereau, made formal complaint of the alleged linegality of the arrest before Judge An-drews of the Superior Court and applied for the issue of a writ of habeas corpus, which was granted. The writ was in the hands of those who tried to step the Spray

It is expected that the Spray will reach Montreal about 3 A. M., unless intercepted

COAL STRIKE VOTED.

Stoppage of Work Ordered to Be Permanent.

VOTE 461 FOR: 349 AGAINST.

Convention Meets Again Today to Draw Up Statement.

and Took a Vote Just Before 6 P. M. Another Meeting To-day to Decide About Calling Out Firemen and Pumpmen - Operators Say There's Nothing to Do But to Fight It Out.

Convention Debated the Question All Day

HATTETON Ps. May 15 -The second day's session of the Mine Workers' Convention adjourned at 6 P. M., after declaring for a strike by a majority of 112. President Mitchell at the close of the meeting announced to the waiting crowds outside that the delegates had decided to make permanent the order asking for temporary suspension of work. Further than this he declined to impart any information He will give out a statement after the final Resion to-merrow.

Strike sentiment was stronger previous to the opening of the convention this morning than vesterday and it was plain that unless some concessions were secured from the mine orperators a strike order would be the result. The strike supporters were everywhere in evidence in their campaign to win over the wavering delegates. One of them said

"We must work out our own salvation It is strike now or never. We have delayed it long enough and we cannot now turn back.

The Committee on Credentials made its final report at the morning session, after which the question of the hour was introduced by President Mitchell. His report dealt with his negotiations with the Civic Federation and the Presidents of the coal companies. Then followed a debate which continued until the noon hour. It was taken up at the afternoon session. Both sides had opportunity to present their views. The addresses of those opposed

to radical action were fervent and pleading. The voting began at 4 o'clock and the count occupied nearly two hours. Districts 1 and 9 ran close, those favoring strike having a slight advantage, but district 7, which comprises the middle of Lehigh district was to a man in favor of strike. The vote as announced was: For strike, 461 1-2 against 349 2-3: majority, 111 2-3. Some seventy-four votes were not cast,

the delegates presumably being absent. Owing to the lateness of the hour, the calling out the engineers and pumpmen at the collieries was laid over until to-morrow. A delegate said that this will proably be left to the discretion of Mitchell and three district presidents. To-morrow's session, besides taking up the engineers and pumpmen question.

will map out a plan of campaign and de-

President Mitchell favors Wilkesbarre, The mules will be taken from the mines, breakers boarded up and guarded. Suspensions of railroad employees, operators and station hands are being made wherever possible. Many industries in the region including the light plants have but a small supply of coal on hand and they will have to close down for want of fuel. The decision has created consternation throughout the region and the streets are crowded lostight. One of the delegates summed up the situation:

"Well, we've made a big jump and God in

"Well, we've made a big jump and God enly knows where we'll land WILKES BARKE, Pa., May 15 - The mine operators here do not yet believe that co-day's action is a virtual declaration of trike. They think that to-morrow will show there is a string tied to it. Mitchell's to-day's action is a virtual declaration of strike. They think that to-morrow will show there is a string tied to it. Mitchell's statement that "the convention has unanimously decided for a continuation of the suspension of work." is taken to mean that when the meeting to-morrow for the arrangement of details is over it will be found that there is a condition attached to the order. They expect the operators will have a certain time in which to grant concessions under the threat that if they do not the miners will order out the firemen, engineers and the pump-runners.

to stand it as long as the men can

- Will any concessions be granted?

'I do not think that there will be.'

To-day, even before the strike order was promulgated, the Pennsylvania Contrainpany, with twenty collecties near hore, removed its mules from all, its anner. Other companies have been 1 and this for several days. There are five wisheries in this region that are still in operation and the surface will not be able to get the men en-

instructived in Montreal announced the Spray with Gaynor and Greene on board succeeded in passing Sorel all right about a o'clock.

HABLAS CORPUS ISSUED

GUELEG. May 16.—The steamer which was sent in pursuit of the Spray, having Greene and Gaynor aboard, returned late in the afterneon, having been unable to gain upon her

Premier Parent of Quebec and Mr. Cannon, junior counsel for the accused, in the absence from town of Mr. Tascherenu, made formal complaint of the alleged made formal complaint of the lieged made for the collection of the collecti employed at their Coxton yard here. Al-most every one of the washeries in the dis-trict was working to-day preparing steam coal, several of them being manned by clerks who were pressed into service.

The order of Judge Andrews will be served in Montreal to-morrow if the prisoners arrive there and every possible effort will be made to enforce compliance with it.

Effective Sinus), May 18th, Buffair and Chicago
Express leaves New York, 23d street, 222 A. M.

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Criticate and Desbrosses attreets 230 A. M. daily.

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F. M. week days, 225 Sandays, Cortiands and Desbrosses attreets 240 P. M. daily.—Ade.

LIKELY TO BE A LONG STRIKE.

to President Truesdale Says-He's Surprised-Sales Aiready Restricted. President W.E. Truesdale of the Dela

ware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad said to a SUN reporter last night at his summer home in Greenwich. Conn.: I did not expect a strike. To my mind the indications did not point that way, but i was mistaken. My reason for supposing that there would be no strike was that the miners had really nothing to complain of and that they dallied so long as to indicate

a lukewarmness on the subject of striking. Mr. Truesdaie expressed the opinion that the strike will be a long one. The operators were making no preparations, he said, and would let the strikers fight it out. The mines were shut down and would remain shut down. No one appeared to be more surprised

at the news than Oscar S. Straus of the Arbitration Committee of the Civic Federation. He said he had hoped up to the last moment that some slight concessions would be made by the operators.

"The Arbitration Committee, however, may vet do something," he added. Wholesale coal dealers said that the price of coal would go up, but not with a jump. It would advance by steps, as the strike

lengthened out. According to a representative of a firm doing business in East Sixty-third street the operators began to restrict the sale of anthracite last Saturday and are keeping it for the elevated trains and the reilroads.

NO COAL COMBINE INQUIRY. Denial That the President and Cabinet Have Considered the Question.

WASHINGTON, May 15 .- It is stated on excellent authority that the question of the coal con hine has not been considered by the President and his Cabinet. There is no truth in the reports that action is to be taken in the matter.

LORD PAUNCEFOTE IS DYING. The British Ambassador Near to Death's Door.

WASHINGTON, May 15 - Lord Pauncefote of Freston, the venerable British Ambassader and dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Washington, is critically ill to-night and there is every reason to believe that his death is imminent. He is past 70 years and has advanced age forbids the hope that he will wally from his present attack. Lord Pauncefote's chie, ailment is rheumatic gout, which has attacked his heart and other vital organs. This disease has said him low many times in the past cannot control them it is not my fault. several years, but his vigorous constitution and pluck always brought him back to a fair degree of health.

THE CZAR'S OFFER FOR SCEPTRE. Said to Be Willing to Pay \$199.000 for

the Great Fills. According to the Spirit of the Times. William Allison, the well-known English breeder, has received an offer, presumably from the Czar of Russia, of \$199,000 for Sceptre, which the owner, R. S. Sievier,

has refused. On May 2 Sceptre won the One Thousand Guineas Stakes, of 100 sovereigns each, for three-year-old fillies, run at Newmarket. Mr. Sievier then announced that he was willing to race Sceptre against any horse in the world, weight for age, distance a nile and a quarter, for stakes of £10,000 Greene and Gaynor, received afternoon this telegram from it may be decided upon. The coal companies are making strenuous efforts to panies are making strenuous efforts to pan from Russia is the largest yet received for the filly, for whom 40,000 guineas or \$210,000 in it at all. I believed that Nixon as the

SCOTIA TOWER IN DAMAGED.

PONTA DE GADA, Azores, May 15 - The Hamburg-American Line steamer Scotia. with passengers, is entering this port. She is damaged and is in tow of another

The Scotia sailed on May 3 from Genos and May 5 from Naples for New York with managrants. She was formerly the Grimm and was built at Glasgow in 1890. Capt. Hamer commanded her when she left here n April t on her trip out, which took her Dunkirk first. The Scotia does more of a freight-carrying than a passenger-carrying business.

WHOLE CIRCL'S POISONED. 11 am very sorry Nixon has resigned. There is no reason why he should. What difference does it make to the political or-

do not the miners will order out the firemen, engineers and the pump-runners.

Until the situation is clearly defined the operators will do nothing.

Scranton, Pa. May 15.—The vote at Harleton to etrike caused much excitement here, but it had been expected for twenty-four hours.

If the United Mine Workers decide to call out the engineers, the pump runners and the firemen, the mine officials raid there will be no danger of the mines being flooded. It has been arranged to have plenty of men at each collegy to keep the mines in good condition. One of the local operators, who refused to permit the use of his name, this evening outlined the course that they have decided to pursue with

The street parade this morning was abandand as the Italian band and many of the performers were unable to leave the rain. The afternoon performance was the given up. Several of the cancasmen sho had collapsed while at work were and about the grounds. The faces of we if the men were covered with an eruption. A report was started that they had evallage and the crowd field.

The local Board of Health found that the

The local Board of Health found that the men were poisoned. The physicians of the board also visited the circus train and gave medical aid to the performers some of wrom were critically ill with symptoms of arsocied poisoning. Proprietor Washbarn believed his people were poisoned by drinking water at Merristown, N. J., which was carried to the circus by boys the detect of the circus by boys are saying all sorts of things about me. I have no inans carried to the creus by boys dipped it from a stream said to con-The miners said this evening that the strike order will be obeyed by the United Mine Workers to a man.

Bearing, Pa., May 15—President Baer of the Reading company said to-right of

Chicago in Iwenty-four Hours

CROKER DENIES

Did Not Dictate-Told Nixon Do as You Please.

But Didn't Mention It-Hopes

Croker Cables "Van Wyck or McCletton or Roosevelt" for Grand Sachem - Docs

Not Intend to Come Back in August Nixon Says He Didn't Say Croker Dietated to Him-Others Appealed From Him to Croker - But There Was a State and a Cable -- No New Leader Tet.

Special Cable Desputch to THE SEN.

London, May 15.- The correspondent of THE SUN to-day saw Mr. Richard Croker at Most House, Wantage, Berkshire, in regard to the resignation of Mr. Lewis Nixon from the leadership of Tammany Hall, and the statement made by Mr. Nixon that he had resigned because of dictation

by Mr. Croker. Mr. Croker was found by the correspondent in his new creamery, surrounded by workmen, who were putting the finishing touches on the building. His old overcoat was fastened closely round his neck, and he were hobnail boots that were covered with mud. He looked fairly well. and did not appear to be at all worried

ever the Nixon affair He spoke in an emphatic voice when he declared that he had ceased to be active in Tammany affairs. When told of the reason Mr Nixon had given for his realgna-

tion, Mr. Croker said: "I TOLD NIXON 'DO AS TOT PLEASE." "I am not dictating, and have not been interfering with Mr. Nixon. On the contrary I sent him a cable in answer to one he sent me Tuesday, telling him to do as he pleased in this matter of a Sachem, and to make whatever changes he pleased. Now. why should I use my influence from this side to do what he wants. I told him to do

what he pleased in the matter, and if he AS TO CHANGES.

"Changes are good things semetimes.

CROKER WOULD VOTE FOR VAN WYCK. "I supported no one for Grand Sachem. and replying to queries, said let them vote as they pleased, but if I was in New York and had a vote I would vote for Van Wyck before any body. I think he made a won-

derful Mayor. "But I would have no objection to Mr. Feitner if he was elected He is an old friend of mine. I didn't know anything about his candidacy in this case until a day or two ago, so how could I have been

dictating? NIXON SHOULD NOT GET MAD "JEE TRAT. "Nixon should not get mad like that and get out that way. I cannot understand Nixon's object. It will seriously

"I AM TAKING NO PART."

"They will have to regulate the matter among themselves. I am taking no part leader could control the committee of Sachems. These have got nothing to do with the political organization. The Tammany Society is purely a benevolent orpointed six months ago before Nixon be-came leader. It is always appointed six or eight months shead for the purpose of presenting a ticket for the election of Sachems. That committee made and selected the ticket and that ticket was elected, and it suited Nixon then and he was satisfied with the Sachems who wer elected. Now these Sachems met to select a Grand Sachem, and Nixon wants to control them and has resigned because he

"I understand my friends are voting every way. Some favor Feitner and some Van Wyck. I have not interfered. SORRY NIXON RESIGNED.

tention of going back in August. Of course, I intend to go back sometime, but I may not go for a year or a year and a half, per-

"MT HOME IS IN NEW YORK

When remined that Wantage folk were already talking of his appearance as Squire of Letcombe Reg s. Mr. Croker said: "They will have a hard job to make me Squire. My home is in New York."

CAPLEGRAM WITH THE SLATE, NIZON SATS. A reporter of THE SUN showed some of the specific statements of Mr. Croker to Mr. Nixon last night. When Mr. Nixon saw the statement that Mr. Croker would have voted for Van Wyck although he would not have objected to Feitner, he raised his eyebrows and seemed a little

formed Mr Croker that Feitner was a candidate for Grand Sachem. Referring to Mr. Croker's wish that he might reconsider his action Mr. Nixon said that it was im-

FAVORS VAN WYCK HIMSELF

Nixon Will Reconsider.